



**2018 Landgrove, Vermont**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
For the year ending December 31, 2018



*Sculptor Sam Ogden in his studio.*

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**TOWN OF LANDGROVE**  
**VERMONT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

AUDITORS

ELIZABETH DEE • MARY ENGLISH • ANNE MCCLARAN

Town Meeting Information

Monday, March 4th, 2019 at 6pm

Landgrove Town Hall

Potluck Supper to follow.

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## **Vital Statistics Town of Landgrove, County of Bennington**

Population	111*	
Voters	127	
Area	5,586 acres	
2018 Tax Rate	Homestead	\$1.8716
	Non-resident	\$1.7684
Total Property Valuation	\$124,614,200	
Number of Parcels:	203	

## **MARRIAGES**

July 7 - Ashley Lynn Patton and George Cameron Macfie, of Titusville, FL

Sept 22 - Heidi Elizabeth Allen and Michael David Healey, both of Landgrove

Oct 6 - Brittany Erin Parker and Jacob Howard Dombroski, both of Landgrove

Dec 27 - Neil Kenneth Beauregard of Landgrove and Grethell de los Angeles  
Briones Arana of Nicaragua

January 27, 2017 - Lisa Eckhardt McNealus of Landgrove and Barnaby Myhrum  
of Peru, both of Saxtons River, VT

## **BIRTHS**

Lewis Rusch Foster- January 14, 2018 to Kate and Ryan Foster

Charley Gail Wengerd on May 12, 2018 to Nicole and Joshua Wengerd

## **DEATHS**

Jan 26 - Samuel Robinson Ogden III of Landgrove

Jan 28 - Clare Munat of Landgrove

June 13 - Ellen “Chris” Leigh Martin Hyde of Landgrove

June 27 - Gordon Grand Thorne of Amherst, MA and Londonderry

July 28 - Owene Phillips Hall Weber of Ponte Vedra, FL and Landgrove

Aug 7 - Thomas Reilly Dibble IV of Landgrove

Nov 11 - Louise Baehr Martin of New Orleans and Landgrove

\* Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Margin of error: +/-43.

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## Landgrove Checklist

ADAMS, LEIGH	FOSTER, RYAN	MCNAIR, DANA
ADAMS, RICHARD	GELLERT, SUSANNA	MCNAIR, DYLAN
ALLEN, HEIDI	GRAYSON, CARINTHIA	MCNAIR, MALCOLM
AMEDEN, JAMES	GRAYSON, PRISCILLA	MERRILL, CRAIG
AMEDEN, JOSEPHINE	HADDEN, JOHN	MOLE, MICHAEL
BATOGOWSKI, SHAWNA	HALL, STEVEN	MORFIT, CHRISTINE
BIGELOW, JONATHAN	HARRIS, CLAUDIA	MORFIT, MICHAEL
BIGELOW, MAY	HARRIS, SUSAN	NICHOLS, CLARENCE
BLACK, SANDY	HARRIS, THOMAS	NICHOLS, PAULINE
CAMINITI, CHIARA	HASSETT, JERALD	NUTTING, HARRY
CHALMERS, CAMERON	HASSETT, VIVIAN	OGDEN, ANDREA
CHALMERS, MAE	HEALY, MIKE	OGDEN, BENJAMIN
CHECCHIA, MAUREEN	HEINEMANN, NANCIE	OGDEN, JOHN
CHECCHIA, THOMAS	HENSON, COLLEEN	OGDEN, KATHARINE
CHHUN, KELLY A	HENSON, CRAIG	OGDEN, MARY
CHHUN, VIRIA	HOWARD, CHARLES	OGDEN, SHEILA
CLEARY, CHRYSYAL	HOWARD, KERRY	PARKER, BRITTANY
CLEARY, JEFFERSON	ISHU, SARAH	PETERS, JEREMY
CLEARY, RAYE	JEFFERY, MARIAN	PETERS, MEGAN
COLE, DALEN	JEFFERY, MICHAEL	PETERSON, ALICE
COLE, JULIETTA	JOHNSON, FRANK	PFISTER, KAREN
COLLINS, SUSAN	JOHNSON, SARAH	PFISTER, KARL T.
DEE, ELIZABETH	JORDAN, JEAN	POMEROY, JESSE
DIBBLE, JOCELYN	JORDAN, JENNA	POMEROY, MARION
DOMBROSKEI, JACOB	JORDAN, ROBERT	SABOL, BROOKE
DOMMENGE, KEVIN	KEANE, JOHN	SABOL, HAYLEY
DUFFY, ROBERT	KEANE, MARY	SABOL, ROBERT
ECKHARDT, JOHN	KLINE, CHRISTOPHER	SABOL, TARA
ECKHARDT, KIMBERLY	LAPRADE, VIRGINIA	SNYDER, D. JAY
ECKHARDT, LYNN	LENNON, KALI	SNYDER, KATHY
EMERSON, NATHALIE	LICATA, BRIANNA	STONE, BEVERLY
ENGLISH, JOHN	LICATA, MARY	SWARTZENTRUBER, JAMES
ENGLISH, LEILA	LUX, HARRY	SWARTZENTRUBER, SONYA
ENGLISH, MARY	MALLARD, EMILY	SWEETMAN, CHARLES
EVARTS, JEREMIAH	MALLARD, JOHN	SWEETMAN, MARION
EVARTS, KARA	MALLARD, JULIE	THOMSON, KAREN
EVARTS, PIPPIN	MCCLARAN, ANNE	THOMSON, PETER
FOSTER, KATE	MCCLARAN, TIM	TOLBERT, DIANNE

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### Landgrove Checklist (cont.)

TOLBERT, JOHN  
TOMKINSON, VICTORIA  
USHER, BARBARA  
VAN EYCK, EDMUND  
VAN EYCK, JESSICA  
WAITE, ROBERT  
WAITE, SARAH  
WALSH, JUSTIN  
WENGERD, JOSHUA  
WENGERD, NICOLE  
WILEY, JOHN  
YOUNG, HELEN  
ZIELINSKI, SCOTT

BURLINGTON, Vt. (WCAX) Voter turnout for Tuesday's primary exceeded some expectations.

According to WCAX News calculations, the voter turnout in Tuesday's primary was almost 22 percent, making it the highest turnout since 2010.

The secretary of state's website reported that 103,666 people cast ballots for a Republican or Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

As of July 31, there were 473,442 people registered to vote in Vermont, yielding a 21.89 percent voter turnout.

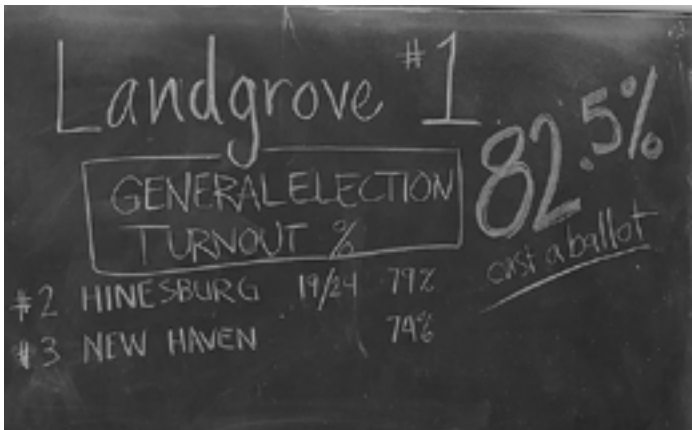
Voter turnout percentages:

2016: 11.45%

2014: 8.95%

2012: 12.2%

2010: 23.8%



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## **TOWN OF LANDGROVE Warning 2019 Annual Town Meeting**

Legal voters of the town of Landgrove, County of Bennington, State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall at 88 Landgrove Road on Monday, March 4th 2019 at 6:00pm to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following officers as required by law:

<b>officer</b>	<b>term</b>
Town Clerk	1 year
Town Treasurer	1 year
Selectboard Member	3 years
Auditor	3 years
Lister	3 years
Cemetery Commissioner	5 years
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year
Grand Juror	1 year
Town Agent	1 year
Constable	1 year
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years
MTN Towns RED Director	until June 2018

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of Town Officers and take proper action on the Auditors' report.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will authorize its Selectboard to apply any surplus or unanticipated funds toward the proposed budget.

ARTICLE 5: To see whether the Town will appropriate \$5,000 one time funding to the Cemetery Commission to upright and repair



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the headstones in the Old Cemetery and clean up the border walls, particularly those to the back side and sand pile side.

ARTICLE 6: To see whether the Town will appropriate one time funding of \$1,000 to the reconstruction of the observation tower on Bromley Mountain.

ARTICLE 7: To see whether the Town will appropriate \$500 to the Bennington County Child Advocacy Unit and incorporate that into our annual Community Appropriations.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to pay its taxes on real and personal property on or before October 1, 2018.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise the budgeted monies necessary to pay Town expenses and obligations for the 2018 year.

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other non-binding business proper to come before said meeting, not acted upon in the preceding articles.

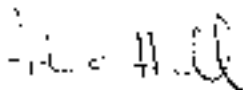
ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will agree to meet in 2020 on the first Monday before the first Tuesday in March (March 2nd) at 6pm for the annual Town Meeting.

Dated January 31, 2019

Selectboard of Landgrove, Vermont



John Ogden (chair)



Steven Hall



Michael Jetfrey

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### **Town Officers Elected**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAMES</b>	<b>TERM EXPIRES</b>
Moderator (1 year term)	Claudia Harris	2019
Town Clerk (1 year term)	Chrystal Cleary	2019
Town Treasurer (1 year term)	Andrea Ogden	2019
Selectboard (3 year term)	John Ogden	2019
	Michael Jeffrey	2020
	Steve Hall	2021
Board of Auditors (3 year term)	Liza Dee	2019
	Mary English	2020
	Anne McClaran	2021
Board of Listers (3 year term)	Chuck Sweetman	2019
	Kim Eckhardt	2020
	Jerald Hassett	2021
Board of Cemetery Commissioners (5 year term)	Lynn Eckhardt	2019
	John English	2020
	Clarence Nichols	2021
	May Bigelow	2022
	Jay Snyder	2023
Collector of Delinquent Taxes (1 year term)	Andrea Ogden	2019
Grand Juror (1 year term)	Claudia Harris	2019
Town Agent (1 year term)	John Hadden	2019
Constable (1 year term)	John Wiley	2019
Trustees of Public Fund (3 year term)	Dick Adams	2019
	Andrea Ogden	2020
	Sarah Waite	2021
Landgrove School Director (3 year term)	Jeff Cleary	2021

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### **Justices of the Peace**

Claudia Harris, Anne McClaran, Christine Morfit, John Ogden,  
and Charles Sweetman

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## Town Officers Appointed by Selectboard

POSITION	NAME	3 YEAR TERM EXPIRES
Zoning Administrator	Hal Wilkins	2019
Planning Commission (includes ZA)	Chuck Sweetman (chair)	2021
	Michael Morfit	2019
	Harry Lux	2019
	Jerald Hassett	2020
	Josh Wengerd	2020
	Michael Mole	2021
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Chuck Sweetman	2021
(Includes all members of the Planning Comm. except the Zoning Administrator)		
BCRC Member	Jerald Hassett	
Health Officer	Cameron Chalmers	2019
Conservation Commission	Anne McClaran	2019

note: Conservation Commission is currently inactive.

		One Year Term
Town Service Officer	Chair, Selectboard	2019
Emergency Management	John Ogden	2019
Forest Fire Warden	Karl T. Pfister	2019
Asst. Fire Warden	Jeremiah Evarts	2019
Road Commissioner	Steve Hall	2019
Assistant Town Treasurer	Sarah Waite	2019
911 Coordinator	Hal Wilkins	2019

Please note that all Selectboard Appointed Officers serve from January to December.

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## Minutes of Town Meeting 2018

### Call to order at 6:06 pm

Lynn Eckhardt led the town in the pledge of allegiance to open Town Meeting, and all were welcomed by Selectboard Chair John Ogden, who read the first article.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Claudia Harris was nominated by Greg Eckhardt seconded by Chrystal Cleary and approved by the voters. Claudia went over rules, and asked non-voters to introduce themselves. A moment of silence was observed for deceased Landgrove residents Sam Ogden and Clare Munat, and the Town is thankful for their service and influence in our community.

Representative Linda Joy Sullivan spoke about her work in Montpelier where the House is working on safety, economic development and tax reform. Andrea spoke on behalf of Neighborhood Connections to remind everyone what social service needs they serve in our community. Dan Ballinger discussed the work of the Collaborative and distributed the annual survey.

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following officers as required by law: (Lynn Eckhardt moved the article, Jonathan Bigelow 2nd)

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of Town Officers and take proper action on the Auditors' report. Moved by Michael Morfit, Seconded by Lynn Eckhardt. Discussion about selling the transfer station annual stickers and punch cards here at our Town Hall Chrystal will contact Esther Fishman about setting that up.

Motion to pass was made by Tom Dibble, 2nd by Mary Licata. Article 3 passes.

officer	term	candidate	move
<b>Town Clerk</b>	1 year	Chrystal Cleary	Jeremiah Evarts
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	1 year	Andrea Ogden	May Bigelow
<b>Selectboard Member</b>	3 years	Steve Hall	John Ogden
<b>Auditor</b>	3 years	Anne McClaran	Andrea Ogden
<b>Lister</b>	3 years	Jerry Hassett	Chuck Sweetman
<b>Cemetery Commissioner</b>	5 year	Jay Snyder	Clarence Nichols
<b>Collector of Delinquent Taxes</b>	1 year	Andrea Odgen	Sally Waite
<b>Grand Juror</b>	1 year	Claudia Harris	Lynn Eckhardt
<b>Town Agent</b>	1 year	John Hadden	Tom Dibble
<b>Constable</b>	1 year	John Wiley, Jr.	Greg Eckhardt
<b>Trustee of Public Funds</b>	3 years	Sally Waite	Andrea Ogden
<b>MTN Town RED Director</b>	end of June	Jeff Cleary	Jerry Evarts

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ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will authorize its Selectboard to apply any surplus or unanticipated funds toward the proposed budget. Moved: Jon Bigelow, Seconded: Victoria Duffy. No discussion. Motion to Approve: Michael Morfit, 2nd John Ogden. Article 4 passes.

ARTICLE 5: To see whether the Town will appropriate an additional \$13,000 to the Town Hall Maintenance Fund for the purchase of new windows for the Meeting Room. Moved by Virginia LaPrade 2nd Jon Bigelow. Motion to approve: Jerry Everts 2nd Michael Morfit. Discussion- John described the chosen single hung windows with insulated glass quoted from RK Miles for \$14,000, and the Town is grateful to the Historical Society for donating \$1000 toward the new windows.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to pay its taxes on real and personal property on or before October 1, 2018. Moved: Michael Morfit, 2nd Mary Licata, no discussion. Motion to Approve: Bob Jordan, 2nd May Bigelow. Article 6 Passes.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise the budgeted monies necessary to pay Town expenses and obligations for the 2018 year. Moved: Jon Bigelow, 2nd Victoria Duffy. Motion to Approve: Michael Morfit, 2nd Virginia LaPrade. Article 7 passes.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other non-binding business proper to come before said meeting, not acted upon in the preceding articles. Moved: John Ogden , Steve Hall. Chuck Sweetman proposed a non binding resolution saying “That at the Town Meeting in Landgrove on March 5th that the town of Landgrove send a message of support for sensible gun violence protection for Vermont.” to the Governor and Speaker of the House. 2nd by Tom Dibble. Greg Eckhardt says this is not specific enough, if we support something we should say specifically what that is- a well intentioned but overly vague statement doesn’t do anything”

Michael Morfit moved to amend the resolution thusly “A resolution that at the Town Meeting in Landgrove on March 5th the town of Landgrove send a message supporting continuing engagement of the state legislature to strengthen protection of VT citizens against gun violence.” to the Governor and Speaker of the House and President of the Senate. Chuck Sweetman seconded.

Moved by Dick Adams 2nd Michael Morfit, a further amendment to the statement: “Be it resolved that the Town of Landgrove send a message supporting continuing engagement of the state legislature to significantly strengthen protection of Vermont citizens against gun violence.”

To vote on the final Amendment: the motion passes.  
Motion to Approve: Chuck S , 2nd Christine Morfit. Article 8 passes.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will agree to meet in 2019 on the first Monday before the first Tuesday in March (March 4th) at 6pm for the annual Town Meeting. Moved: Bob Jordan, 2nd Lynn Eckhardt. No discussion. Motion to Approve: Malcolm McNair, 2nd by Michael Morfit. Article 9 Passes.

Motion to Adjourn- Marian Sweetman, 2nd John Ogden. The 2017 Landgrove Town Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Chrystal Cleary, Town Clerk

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### Auditors' Report

We, the undersigned auditors of the Town of Landgrove, have reviewed the books and accounts of the Town of Landgrove on this 31st day of January, 2019.

We wish to report that all accounts are in balance.



Elizabeth Doe



Mary English



Anne McClaran

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## Town Balance Sheet as of 12/31/2018

	2018	2017	\$ Change
<b>Cemetery Checking - People's Bank</b>	8,329.85	4,610.23	3,719.62
<b>Trustee of Public Funds</b>			
Cemetery Endowment Fund	55,013.68	53,576.89	1,436.79
Conservation Fund	22,779.71	23,377.02	(597.31)
<b>Town Accounts</b>			
Stifel Nicolaus			
Operating Account	1,080,202.94	981,223.81	98,979.13
Reserve Funds			
Cemetery Wall Fund	-	(14,838.41)	14,838.41
Dog License Account	(38.98)	3,025.08	(3,025.08)
Equipment Fund	130,000.00	105,000.00	25,000.00
Listers Fund - Reappraisal	18,064.69	13,446.19	4,618.50
Records Restoration	931.98	1,427.98	(496.00)
Town Hall Maint Fund	27,876.57	14,676.57	13,200.00
Total Reserve Funds	176,834.26	122,737.41	54,096.85
Total Stifel Nicolaus	1,257,037.20	1,103,961.22	153,075.98
People's Bank - Cash Account			
Dog License Account	3,196.79	-	3,196.79
Misc Cash	709.23	-	
Total People's Bank	3,906.02	-	3,906.02
Total Town Accounts	1,260,943.22	1,103,961.22	156,982.00

\*Further information on Reserve Funds can be found on page 19.

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### Cash Account Summary

	Income	Expense	Balance
Register Balance as of 1/1/2018			1,103,961.22
Net Income	157,722.74		
Change in Payroll Taxes Liability		1,744.04	
Bank Fees/Errors	1.73		
Unrealized Change in Investment	1,001.57		
Register Balance as of 12/31/18			\$1,260,943.22
Uncleared Checks	1,368.13		
Uncleared Deposits		520.00	
Bank Balance as of 12/31/2018			1,261,791.35

### Cash Account Reconciliation Detail

	Income	Expense	Net Income
<b>INCOME</b>			
Copier	784.00		
Current Use	49,004.00		
Del Tax Penalty Collected	2,246.73		
Education Taxes	1,622,541.19		
General Fund	101,995.08		
Grants - State	35,763.00		
Green Mountain Forest	2,201.00		
Homestead Penalties	-		
Interest - Op & Reserve	5,902.53		
Interest Del Tax	6,699.88		
Licenses & Permits	1,355.85		
Recording Income	3,593.00		
Rental of Town Hall	701.00		
Roads Fund	190,266.24		
Property Tax Adjustments	(60,467.10)		
Taxes Delinquent	29,031.61		
Total Reserve Fund Income	61,814.91		

*Cash Account Reconciliation continued on following page.*



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*Cash Account Reconciliation continued from previous page.*

	Income	Expense	Net Income
Transfer Station Income	740.00		
Unbudgeted Misc Income	223.59		
VT State Highway Aid	34,286.72		
total Income	2,088,683.23		2,088,683.23
<b>BUDGETED EXPENSE</b>			
General Fund		143,847.42	
Roads Fund		246,791.52	1,698,044.29
<i>For more detail, see GF &amp; Roads Budgets</i>			
<b>OTHER EXPENSE</b>			
Civil Union Licenses		150.00	
Education Payments			
MT Towns RED (Health care reimbursement)		(2,054.00)	
Taconic & Green		321,322.00	
State of VT - 2nd FY18		586,005.60	
State of VT - 1st FY19		627,325.00	
total Education		1,532,598.60	
New Flag		64.95	
Paid to Del Tax Collector		2,246.73	
Transfer Station Expense		740.00	
total Other Expense		1,535,800.28	162,244.01
<b>RESERVED FUND EXPENSE</b>			
Dogs		326.27	
Records Restoration		1,895.00	
Town Hall Bldg		2,300.00	
total Reserved Fund Expense		4,521.27	157,722.74
<b>NET INCOME</b>			<b>157,722.74</b>

\*Referenced in Cash Account Summary on page 15

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## Statement of Taxes Raised

Taxable Parcels        203  
 Taxable Acres        4,729.77

	Education	Municipal	Total
Homestead	1.49	0.28	1.77
Non-Resident	1.59	0.28	1.87
	Tax Rate	Grand List	Total Raised
Non-Residential Education	1.59	777,608	1,236,786
Homestead Education	1.49	271,197	403,351
Municipal - Roads	0.18	1,048,805	191,931
Municipal - GF	0.10	1,048,805	102,888
Late Homestead Penalty			-
	Total Raised		1,934,956
State Payments via Property Tax Adjustments			60,669



*Rogan Lechthaler and Mike Batagowski with their 4th of July  
 Picnic potluck dish.*

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## **Statement of Delinquent Taxes Collected**

Annual Report of Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
December 31, 2018

	1/1/2018			12/31/2018
Year	Outstanding	Collections	Abatements	Balance
2014	-		-	-
2015	10,422.11	10,422.11	-	-
2016	30,789.16	13,216.53	-	17,572.63
2017	10,568.59	5,392.97	-	5,175.62
2018 (10/1)	14,857.98	5,861.58	-	8,996.40
	51,779.86	29,031.61	-	31,744.65

Total Collections	29,031.61
Interest received	6,699.88
Remitted to Treasurer	35,731.49
Del Tax Penalty Collected	2,246.73
Paid to Del Tax Collector	2,246.73

As of 12/31/2018, there are three properties with unpaid taxes from 2016, 2017 and/or 2018.

Information about which properties are delinquent is public information and is available at the town hall upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Ogden  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

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Please note that taxes are due on or before October 1. Payments received or post-marked after that date are considered delinquent and are subject to a penalty fee of 8% and additional interest of 1% for the first three months or part thereof, and 1 ½% per month or part thereafter, as allowed under the laws of the State of Vermont.

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### Reserve Funds

The following funds are all held within the Town's Stifel-Nicolaus cash account. A summary of these funds can be found on the Town Balance Sheet on page 14.

<b>Cemetery Wall Fund</b>			
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance 1/1/18			(14,838.41)
Town Appropriation	-		
Donations	11,402.49		
Transfer from Cem Operating	3,435.92		
Balance 12/31/18			-
<b>FINAL</b>			

Additional private donations and a final transfer from the Cemetery Operating account brought the Cemetery Wall Fund to a close in 2018. The wall was built by Ogden & Chalmers, LLC and Luke Bonang Stoneworks. It was completed in 2017.



*Photo credit: Luke Bonang*

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<b>Dog License Account</b>			
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance 1/1/18			3,025.08
Licenses Issued	459.00		
Cost of Tags		82.29	
License Forms		38.98	
State of VT		205.00	
Balance 12/31/18			3,157.81
	Stifel Nicolaus Bank		(38.98)
	Peoples Cash		3,196.79
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,157.81</b>

This year, the town opened an account at the People's Bank in Londonderry in order to facilitate weekly deposits of cash (versus checks). Much of our cash is related to dog licensing, so the Dog Reserve account was moved from Stifel Nicolaus to Peoples United Bank. At the close of the year, it was discovered that a payment to the State of Vermont for \$38.98 was incorrectly made out of the General Fund instead of the Dogs Reserve Fund. Therefore, when the Dog Fund was transferred to People's Bank in March when the account was opened, this amount was omitted. This accounting error will be corrected in 2019.

FYI, the purpose of this account is to cover the costs associated with an Animal Control Officer, should the need arise. Landgrove currently does not have an Animal Control Officer on call.

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Dog licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office any time after January 1st each year. For a spayed or neutered dog, the charge is \$9 and for an unaltered dog, the charge is \$13. After April 1st, a late charge of \$2 and \$4 will apply for altered and unaltered dogs, respectively. New puppies or dogs acquired after April 1 will be charged half of the regular fee.

Please note that rabies inoculations must be current before a license can be issued.

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<b>Equipment Fund</b>			
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance 1/1/18			105,000.00
Taxes raised (as voted)	25,000.00		
Balance 12/31/18			130,000.00

This fund is used to minimize the impact to taxpayers of large equipment purchases used to maintain our roads. Taxpayers allocate money to the fund each year and the fund accumulates until it is necessary to draw funds down for a large purchase. The town truck was purchased in 2010 and is starting to show signs of wear. The grader was purchased in 2012.

<b>Reappraisal Fund</b>			
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance 1/1/18			13,446.19
Town Appropriation (as voted)	2,500.00		
State of VT - per parcel	2,118.50		
Balance 12/31/18			18,064.69

The Reappraisal Fund is held in reserve to cover costs associated with a town-wide reappraisal, which last occurred in 2014.

<b>Records Restoration Fund</b>			
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance 1/1/18			1,427.98
Taxes raised (as voted)	1,000.00		
Recording Fees	399.00		
Grand Lists Bound		1,895.00	
Balance 12/31/18			931.98

The Records Restoration fund is money held in reserve for preserving the town's historical records, primarily our grand lists. Income sources are the town appropriation and the state-mandated \$1 per page recorded by the Town Clerk.

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Town Hall Maintenance Fund			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance 1/1/18			14,676.57
Taxes raised (as voted)	2,500.00		
Taxes raised for TH Window Project	13,000.00		
Dibble Painters, Inc. - Cupola Painting		2,300.00	
Balance 12/31/18			27,876.57

This fund is intended to grow gradually to help mitigate the costs of large projects associated with proper care of our town hall building.

We are working with the Historical Preservation Society of Vermont to restore the Town Hall schoolroom windows rather than replace them. In 2018, we received a \$250 Robert Sincerbeaux Fund Grant to cover the costs of a professional window assessment. This assessment was provided by Black Sash Restoration in Braintree Vermont. It is a tool for how to address the future preservation of the historic windows at the Town Office. The report offers a detailed description of the windows themselves, broken down by window type, an assessment of the current condition of the windows, recommendations for what is needed for their restoration, and broad-brush cost estimates to carry-out the restoration. We will use this assessment to apply for an additional grant through the preservation society that will add to the money raised in 2018 for the project. We do not anticipate need additional funds from voters for this project. We are confident that restoring these windows is the correct process for the long term future of the windows and the building. Many thanks to Ryan Foster for highlighting this as a possible option to the Selectboard.



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## General Fund Budget

		2017 ACTUAL	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	2019 PROPOSED
1	<b>Income</b>				
2	<b>Raised by Municipal Taxes</b>	<b>100,365.88</b>	<b>102,856.63</b>	<b>101,995.08</b>	<b>67,925.69</b>
3	Copier	580.50	300.00	784.00	500.00
4	Current Use	49,579.00	45,000.00	49,004.00	49,000.00
5	Grants - State			250.00	-
6	Green Mountain Forest	2,157.00	2,100.00	2,201.00	2,100.00
7	Interest - Del Tax	3,987.28	2,000.00	6,699.88	2,000.00
8	Licenses & Permits	700.70	500.00	1,285.85	750.00
9	Prior Year Surplus/(Deficit)	-	(10,000.00)	-	17,000.94
10	Recording Income	2,261.00	2,000.00	3,593.00	2,000.00
11	Rental of Town Hall	701.00	700.00	701.00	700.00
12	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>160,332.36</b>	<b>145,456.63</b>	<b>166,513.81</b>	<b>141,976.63</b>
13					
14	<b>Expense</b>				
15	Community Appropriations				
16	The Collaborative	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
17	Flood Brooks Athletic Assoc	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
18	Green Up	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
19	Londonderry Fire Dept.	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
20	Londonderry Rescue	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
21	Mental Health Services	166.00	166.00	166.00	166.00
22	Mountain Valley Clinic	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
23	Neighborhood Connections	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
24	So. Londonderry Library	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
25	Visiting Nurse Alliance	615.00	615.00	615.00	615.00
26	<b>Total Community Appropriations</b>	<b>12,081.00</b>	<b>12,081.00</b>	<b>12,081.00</b>	<b>12,081.00</b>
27					
28	Town Appropriations				
29	Cem Endowment Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

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		2017 ACTUAL	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	2019 PROPOSED
30	Cem Maintenance	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
31	Cem Wall	15,000.00	-	-	-
32	Reappraisal Fund	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
33	Records Restoration Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
34	Town Hall Maint Fund	2,500.00	15,500.00	15,500.00	2,500.00
35	<b>Total Town Appropriations</b>	26,000.00	26,500.00	26,500.00	13,500.00
36					
37	Taxes and Assessments				
38	BCRC	1,961.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
39	County Tax	8,075.93	8,100.00	8,231.28	8,200.00
40	L'derry Transfer Station	18,895.21	15,208.63	15,208.63	15,208.63
41	Southwest NH Dispatch	8,816.00	8,966.00	8,966.00	9,217.00
42	VLCT	1,096.00	1,151.00	1,151.00	1,200.00
43	<b>Total Taxes &amp; Assessments</b>	38,844.14	35,425.63	35,556.91	35,825.63
44					
45	Salaries & Stipends				
46	Asst. to the Clerk	-	500.00	-	500.00
47	Listers	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
48	Lister Administrator		2,000.00	-	2,000.00
49	Payroll Expenses	2,146.23	2,200.00	2,668.86	2,700.00
50	Road Commissioner	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
51	School Director	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
52	Selectboard	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
53	Town Clerk	15,999.98	16,000.00	15,999.88	16,240.00
54	Treasurer	12,000.04	12,000.00	12,000.04	12,180.00
55	Zoning Administrator	4,178.50	4,200.00	3,270.00	4,000.00
56	<b>Total Salaries &amp; Stipends</b>	42,324.75	44,900.00	41,938.78	45,620.00
57					
58	Town Hall & Office				
59	Heat	1,603.49	2,000.00	2,812.94	2,500.00
60	Maintenance	5,485.03	5,500.00	6,410.31	6,000.00

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		2017 ACTUAL	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	2019 PROPOSED
61	Office Supplies	2,132.73	3,000.00	4,283.45	5,600.00
62	Training	-	250.00	-	250.00
63	Utilities	1,756.03	1,800.00	1,775.83	1,800.00
64	<b>Total Town Hall &amp; Office</b>	10,977.28	12,550.00	15,282.53	16,150.00
65					
66	Other Expenses				
67	Insurance	3,119.26	3,200.00	7,801.49	8,000.00
68	Legal and Accounting	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
69	Listers' Expenses	445.00	600.00	275.00	600.00
70	Notices & Warnings	1,134.00	1,500.00	1,003.76	1,500.00
71	Tax Mapping	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
72	Zoning & Planning	8,168.45	700.00	406.42	700.00
73					
74	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>146,093.88</b>	<b>145,456.63</b>	<b>143,845.89</b>	<b>141,976.63</b>
75					
76	<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>14,238.48</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,667.92</b>	<b>-</b>

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## Roads Budget

		2017 ACTUAL	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	2019 PROPOSED
	<b>Income</b>				
1	<b>Raised by Municipal Taxes</b>	<b>160,547.93</b>	<b>191,880.00</b>	<b>190,266.24</b>	<b>180,735.56</b>
2	State Highway Aid	34,300.65	34,000.00	34,286.72	34,000.00
3	Prior Year Surplus/(Deficit)	-	(35,000.00)	-	13,344.44
4	Grants	9,369.00	30,000.00	35,513.00	3,700.00
5	Highway Permits	75.00	70.00	70.00	70.00
6	<b>Total Income</b>	204,292.58	220,950.00	260,135.96	231,850.00
7					
8	<b>Expense</b>				
9	Equipment Fund	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
10	Gas & Oil	5,416.69	6,000.00	7,657.48	7,500.00
11	Insurance	7,079.00	7,100.00	2,998.00	3,000.00
12	Machine Maint. & Repairs	17,389.37	15,000.00	11,327.39	15,000.00
13	Misc	538.25	1,000.00	2,115.02	1,000.00
14	Rent	500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
15	Electric	461.05	600.00	465.24	600.00
16	Training	-	250.00	-	250.00
17	<b>Total General</b>	56,384.36	61,450.00	56,063.13	58,850.00
18					
19	<b>Summer Roads</b>				
20	Chloride	2,250.00	2,500.00	2,250.00	2,500.00
21	Culverts	2,332.50	10,000.00	3,931.00	10,000.00
22	Ditches	5,357.50	15,000.00	12,052.50	21,500.00
23	Grading	6,522.52	10,000.00	10,811.00	10,000.00
24	Resurfacing (Gravel)	60,905.50	15,000.00	69,894.75	21,500.00
25	Roadside Mowing	5,950.00	6,000.00	5,950.00	6,000.00
26	Storm Repair	4,827.50	2,500.00	1,561.00	2,500.00
27	<b>Total Summer</b>	88,145.52	61,000.00	106,450.25	74,000.00

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		2017 ACTUAL	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	2019 PROPOSED
28					
29	<b>Winter Roads</b>				
30	De-Icer	8,546.90	9,000.00	6,761.64	9,000.00
31	Plowing & Sanding				
32	Labor	33,111.50	37,000.00	41,523.00	40,000.00
33	Machine Rental	9,150.00	15,000.00	12,500.00	12,500.00
34	Sand	44,819.50	35,000.00	19,512.50	35,000.00
35	Storm Repair	1,487.50	2,500.00	3,981.00	2,500.00
36	<b>Total Winter</b>	97,115.40	98,500.00	84,278.14	99,000.00
37	<b>Total Expense</b>	241,645.28	220,950.00	246,791.52	231,850.00
38	<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	(37,352.70)	-	13,344.44	-



March 8, 2018

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## **Selectboard/Road Commissioner Report**

The Town of Landgrove lost an unusual number of its pillar community members in the past year. My father, Sam Ogden, who was a Landgrove resident since 1929, a past Selectboard member, and a past road commissioner. Claire Munat, who was a long time resident and the moderator of our town meetings for many years. And Tom Dibble who was, at the time of his death, serving as both Selectboard member and road commissioner, as well as many other roles in our community. Their service to our town and our community is greatly appreciated and they will be missed.

I would like to extend a big “Thank You” to Jay, CJ, and Cameron and his crew for doing a great job of keeping our roads in great shape. As I am sure all of you have noticed, the changing climate is not making road maintenance any easier for our little town. We are now dealing with more ice events and more mud seasons per year that we have in the past. As a small town with one truck, it can be hard to keep up at times. Each event teaches us new things and we are trying to come up with creative ways to keep our roads passable and safe during these events.

The discussions about finding a more suitable home for our town road equipment and winter sand pile continue, but without much headway. As always we would very much appreciate any help with this project that anyone has to offer.

Last year at Town Meeting the voters approved money to replace the large, old windows in the old part of the town hall. In the process of exploring our options for replacing the windows, the Selectboard was convinced to give more serious consideration to the idea of restoring the existing windows and putting some effort into making them more weather tight. While we have not made the final decision between replace and repair, we are actively pursuing the restoration information we need to be able to make the decision. Among other considerations, it is quite possible that there could be some grant money available to help pay for restoration. It is unfortunate that this process is taking so long, but we want to be sure that the right decision ends up getting made.

There are a number of organizations that are asking the town of Landgrove for money this year. Please take a moment to review the requests of these entities and come to Town Meeting prepared to engage in a productive

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### **FYI**

Selectboard meetings are held on the 2nd and the 4th Thursdays of each month at 8am at the Town Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to observe the meeting. Please contact the clerk a week in advance of the meeting to get on the agenda. Also, please note that the minutes of the meeting are public record and are available at the Town Hall and on our website at [landgrove.vermont.gov](http://landgrove.vermont.gov).

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discussion about whether or not the town should be making these investments in our community.

The Selectboard meets twice a month and the general public is always welcome. Please come to these meetings with any and all ideas, criticisms, compliments, or constructive advice.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ogden, Selectboard Chair



Constable Wiley, hard at work for the people of Landgrove.

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## **Cemetery Commission**

Our cemetery work begins in May with a spring clean-up, followed by placement of flags for veterans, and mowing at ten day intervals.

This year several lots (8) were sold which provided revenue to pay the remaining stone wall expense. We thank Lynn Eckhardt for organizing a town wide yard sale which raised \$1167.00 to be used for repair of headstones in the old cemetery. The cemetery commission and historical society cleaned headstones at the old cemetery in August.

There was one interment:    Gordon Thorne August 13 2018

Cemetery commissioners: May Bigelow, Lynn Eckhardt, John English, Clarence Nichols, Jay Snyder, and honorary commissioner Duncan Ogden.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence Nichols

<b>Cemetery Operating Account - People's Bank</b>			
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance 1/1/18			4,610.23
Taxes Raised (as voted)	6,500.00		
Donations	1,313.00		
Plot Sales	6,850.00		
Recording Fee Income	80.00		
Plot Sales - Recording Fee		80.00	
Plots Sales - Endowment		1,600.00	
Grounds Maintenance		5,835.00	
Veterans' Flags		72.46	
Transfer to Cem Wall Fund		3,435.92	
Bank & Reg. Balance 12/31/18			8,329.85

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## **Clerk's Report**

As always, your Clerk has been here to administer critical Local, State and Federal government functions for our Town, like Elections and Voter registration, management of Land Records and helping you find the information you need, or the right person to ask.

Laws are ever changing, and government marches on each year, so I attend trainings to keep up and make sure Landgrove is in compliance and not overlooked. In 2018 I was trained for and completed the US Census 2020 LUCA address update, two elections trainings (one on the new statewide accessible ballot marking system), and an info session on the Act 46 public records requests: this coming summer, requests for copies of Birth and Death certificates must be made through the State Dept. of Health website and not through the local town. Marriage certificates will still be obtained through the Town.

Landgrove had a spectacular turnout for both the state primary in August and the best in the state 82.5% turnout for the General Election. Many thanks to the volunteers and BCA members who staffed the voting table and helped count ballots! The State of Vermont has a top-in-the-nation voter registration and elections management system- I am super impressed with the ease of use and security checks in place in our system, as well as the Secretary of State's office dedication and consistent availability to answer questions and make sure we have all our Election procedures clear.

To replace the old Vote-By-Phone accessibility system, the state has given every polling location the new tablet-based Accessible System, which consists of a computer tablet, a printer, headphones and various mice and input devices for disabled voters to vote independently. The tablet's only job is to mark the ballot that the voter gets at the table on check-in, and feeds into the printer. It has headphones and can read the ballot aloud to a voter, or make visual adjustments for readability as well. Even though we do not have any voters at this time who require the accessible voting system, it is available to everyone as a marking tool choice, just like a pen or a sharpie marker, which we also always have. Due to our small population, Landgrove is well under the threshold of being required to have a machine tabulator and as far as this Clerk can foresee, we will always be a hand-count town with our wooden ballot boxes and human counters! If you are interested in the election process, come volunteer for a couple hours on election day and see it all first hand. It is fun to see all your neighbors and be a part of making elections work!

In preparation for the US Census 2020, I performed a manual address cross reference and update to help Landgrove be counted accurately, correcting errors in the US Census data and adding in new roads such as Ardis Lane and accurately placing locations on the Census map. Correct information will ensure



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that data collected reflects our population and affects our representation in government as well as federal aid formulas as needed.

We now offer the Green Mountain Passport lifetime State Parks access card for \$2 to military or retired residents 62 or over, transfer station annual stickers (\$10) and punch cards (\$20 for ten punches.)

Dog Licenses - remember to license your dog by the end of March!  
Dog licensing is the vehicle for enforcement of state rabies laws. This year's tag is a cute gold dog bone shape, chosen by Clerk buddy Amelia Eckhardt.

Respectfully submitted,

Chrystal Cleary



# VACCINATE TO ELIMINATE RABIES

## WHAT IS RABIES?



Rabies is a viral infection passed from animals to other animals or humans, usually through a bite. The virus affects the brain, and is nearly always fatal (causes death). Here's how we control rabies in animals and reduce transmission to people.

## 1. VACCINATE DOGS

Rabies shots protect dogs and people. Because dog vaccination is common in the United States, people don't get rabies from dogs like they do in countries where dogs are not vaccinated.



## 2. VACCINATE CATS

In the last 25 years, most of the rabid domestic animals in the US have been cats. Cats are almost 5 times as likely as dogs to get rabies - but you can prevent this by vaccinating them.



## 3. VACCINATE WILDLIFE

Many Vermont wildlife are vaccinated with an edible vaccine through a bait drop. Do not touch or feed wildlife.

## 4. PREVENTION IN PEOPLE



If you are bitten or scratched by an animal or find a bat in a room where you were sleeping, wash any wound thoroughly. Call your doctor and the health department. 1-800-4-RABIES. You may need to get post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), a series of shots that keep the virus from making people sick.



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For more information:  
[www.vtvetas.org](http://www.vtvetas.org) 802-878-6688

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## Landgrove Community Club

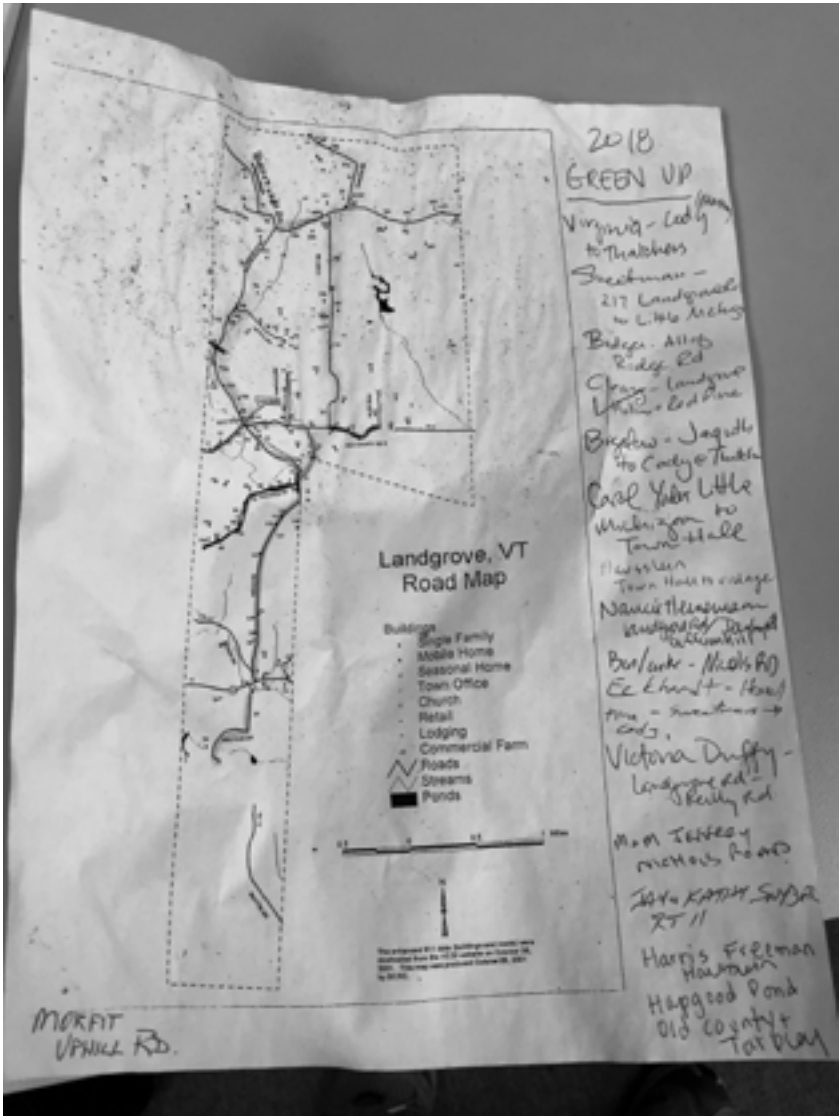
Seems like from year to year, we report the same thing - *The Landgrove 4th of July event was again a beautiful evening, enjoyed by all.* The event was marked this year by an especially dramatic fireworks presentation and a corresponding increase in insurance expense for the community club. Although we have a regular and generous group of donors each year, this stepped up level of insurance will soon outpace our coffers. It was the decision of the committee that this level of insurance was an absolute necessity and we would figure out future fund raising options as needed. Also, the potluck had perhaps the most unusual offering ever - slow roasted Cuban goat with a full array of delicious sauces and accompaniments!

Thank you to Kim Eckhardt who coordinated the Halloween Party this year. We have quite a few new families that have moved into town this year, so we decided to produce a map of homes that were open for trick or treaters. It seemed to be successful.

If you read my Treasurer's Report, you will recognize the following statement. I have been the chair of the community club for many years and it is time for someone else to take the reins. We have a lovely group of people that are on the committee which makes the job very easy. We host three town-wide events - Green Up, Halloween and the July 4th Party. Each event has elements that work easily from year to year and, at the same time, each event is ripe for improvement. Please consider joining the community club as a member, stepping up to be an event coordinator or diving right in to be the chair! I can be reached at [andreadammeierogden@gmail.com](mailto:andreadammeierogden@gmail.com) for more information.

Landgrove Community Club			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance 1/1/2018			4779.43
Donations	2805.00		
Interest	4.07		
Concessions	104.00		
Insurance		1763.45	
July 4th Entertainment		1350.00	
4th of July Supplies		262.44	
Tent Rental		598.90	
Balance & Reg. Balance 12/31/18			3717.71

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Many Landgrovians green up throughout the year on their walks or runs about the town, but this is the face of the real Green Up on the first Saturday in May. Donuts, trash bags and a “get ‘er done” attitude. To quote Landgrove Town Clerk, Chrystal Cleary, “We are a very small town.”

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## Conservation Commission

The conservation commission was dormant in 2018. Attrition of members has made it difficult to keep the momentum of prior years. If you are interested in joining the conservation commission or would like more information please contact the town clerk at [townoflandgrove@gmail.com](mailto:townoflandgrove@gmail.com).

Following is an excerpt from the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions website ([vtconservation.com](http://vtconservation.com)):

### ***What Are Conservation Commissions?***

*In Vermont, conservation commissions are advisory bodies that exist in many towns across the state. Broadly, they are established to help communities protect and enhance their natural resources. In 1977, Vermont passed the enabling legislation (24 V.S.A. 4501) to establish municipal conservation commissions. By 1996, 96 Vermont towns had conservation commissions or similar committees. Today there are just over 100 conservation commissions in Vermont.*

*<http://vtconservation.com/about-conservation-commissions/>*

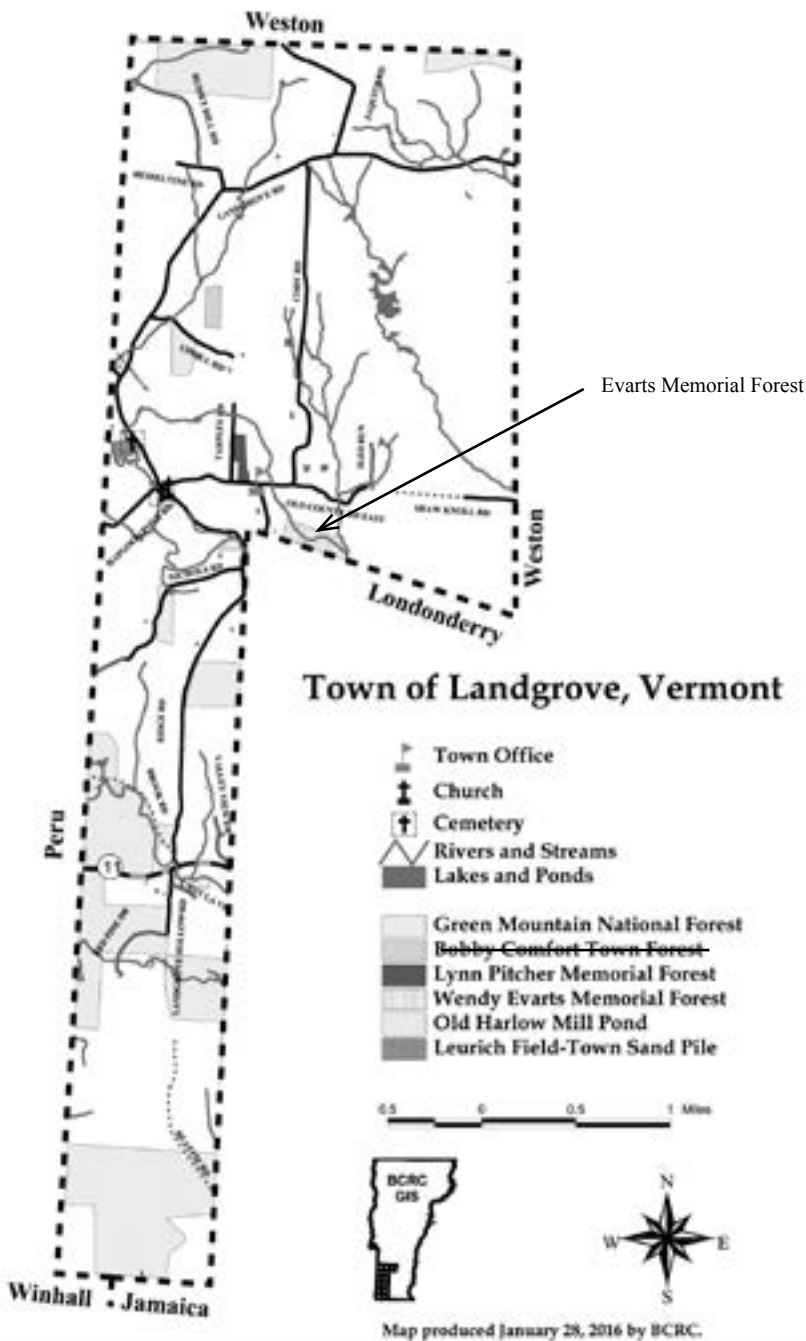
This website has a lot of good information if you are considering reinvigorating this commission.



We are very grateful for our “garden angels” who every once in a while, give this space at the town hall just the right amount of attention. Thank you!

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Map of Town Lands



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## **Landgrove Historical Society**

Our continuing goal is to gather documents, photos and artifacts of historical significance to our town, and to make our collections accessible to the public.

Kerry Howard has recreated our exhibits from 2003 to 2008 and placed them in a large binder in the Town Hall, accessible whenever the hall is open. She is working on exhibits from more recent years.

This year we responded to numerous requests for genealogical information about Landgroviaans from the 1800's, and in most cases were able to provide the information they sought.

We have 71 members.

Our office in the town hall is open on Thursday mornings, 9 - noon.

### **Events during 2018**

- April 8** Pancake breakfast with Ann Hausslein's pancakes and syrup from Rob Hausslein's Sugar Bob's Finest Kind and Jerry Evarts' and Jonathan Bigelow's Landgrove Sugarworks. This event, in its 12th year, attracted a lot of folks.
- July 4** For the fourth year, and in partnership with the LMH and the Vermont Humanities Council, David Eckhardt led a participating audience in readings and discussion of abolitionist and former slave Frederick Douglas' 1852 address commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
- July 6** Our seventh annual square dance at the Town Hall. The band was the Turkey Mountain Window Smashers with caller Andy Toepfer,
- July 15** Opening of our summer show: The Photography of Gail LeBoff  
Gail's photography entails surreal scenes, primarily from Iceland, with figures or animals transposed onto them. Much of her Iceland work superposes ice skaters from Rockefeller Center.
- Aug. 4** Cleaning of the headstones in the old cemetery, in partnership with the Cemetery Commission and with the leadership of Clarence Nichols and Lynn Eckhardt.
- Aug. 15** Visit to Burr & Burton's Mountain Campus to learn about the program from faculty members and the director, Andy Dahlstrom.
- Aug. 18** Hike into Mt. Tabor Cemetery off the Danby Road
- Oct. 7** Talk on the 1844 plans for a railroad to run from Brattleboro through S. Londonderry, Weston and Mt. Tabor, to Whitehall, NY. The later West River Railroad was built along this route as far as S. Londonderry, but not beyond. Talk was by Glenn Annis.

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## Board of Directors

May Bigelow, President	David Eckhardt
Rob Badger, VP	Clarence Nichols
Meg Pennypacker,	Sally Ogden
Treasurer	Kathy Snyder
Christine Morfit, Secretary	Marion Sweetman

**Advisors:** Jonathan Bigelow, Robbie Collins,  
Priscilla Grayson, Ann Ogden Hausslein, Anne  
McClaran, Andrea Ogden, and Hope Pinkerton

*PHOTO: Roland and Wallace Luerich, both  
killed during WWII. Their story was the topic  
of this year's July 4 talk at the War Memorial  
Monument by Rob Badger.*



## Listers' Report

Once again, this was another busy, unique and challenging year for the listers. It seems this year we have seen more state reports, more changes in technology programs by the state and an overall increase in the complexity of our responsibilities.

Thankfully, after last year's audit of current use values, we were given a clean bill of health as all was well done and appropriately. Our current use land values were consistent with non-enrolled land values.

This year, however, our new district advisor, Chris Landin, did a mini audit in the fall and worked with us on state changes and new data entry programs/requirements/forms/reports as now demanded.

The listers visited nine construction projects this past year and provided revised assessments for them; there were no grievance appeals on those projects.

We reviewed, as we do annually, all current use filings as reported by the state. In addition, we reviewed and recorded in our files and on our software programs all property transfers from data provided the state. There were fourteen property transfers this year.



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Overall, this year there were six grievance hearings held at the lister level; after the listers' decisions on those grievances, one of those decisions was appealed to the BCA for a hearing. The BCA decision on that one was then appealed to the state and is pending. A decision on a previous year's BCA decision was reached this year.

As mentioned, the computer system, various state software programs, as well as the NEMRC system seem to always be changing or adding new level of sophistication. This adds even more work and/or the need for more training to perform our duties in an effective and professional manner. Thanks to Kim Eckhardt for handling most of our data entry and technology responsibilities. This past year there have been some modest funds added to our budget to use as necessary for a paid consultant to assist us or actually handle some of the more complicated issues. At this point we have not had to use those funds but anticipate we will over the next year or two.

All the various state forms and reports were filed on time and were accepted. We should note that Equalized Education Grand List for Landgrove for 2018 is \$106,253,793. Our CLA (common level of appraisal) for the year is 98.73%. This is essentially how close a town's local assessments are to fair market value. A number below 100% means property is generally listed at less than fair market value but with 98.73%, we feel positive about our position. When the CLA falls below 80% the state requires a town wide reappraisal.

We also want report that our COD (coefficient of dispersion) is 10.73%; a COD of less than 10% is considered "excellent" and to reflect a relatively high level of equity across taxpayers' assessments. A COD of between 10%-19% is viewed as "reasonable" where over 20% would require a state ordered reappraisal.

We should point out that with relatively few "arms length" sales each year and with the uniqueness and variety of properties in town, CLA and COD numbers can be used as guideposts but could be a little less accurate than in a town with lots of sales and properties more uniform.

At this point, we are planning to perform a new town-wide reappraisal in 2020 or 2021. Funds are being budgeted for this timeline by the Selectboard. We performed, with the assistance of a professional consulting firm, reappraisals in 2008 and 2014.

Finally, thanks to the property owners, and town officials for their cooperation, and support as we perform our responsibilities.

Respectively submitted with cheer and good tidings,

Kim Eckhardt

Jerry Hassett

Chuck Sweetman

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## **School Director's Report**

2018 was another exciting year in string of years where we have seen nothing but change. This year, we completed our merger into the new Taconic & Green district and now when you vote on the school budget, you are voting on a combined budget for Flood Brook, MEMS, Dorset, Currier and Sunderland, as well as all the high school students from our towns. We are already seeing some of the hoped-for savings in consolidation, and the Administration and the new Board are working towards not only making the day-to-day items go smoothly, but also on how to define and build equity between programs at all the schools. Now that we are one, large district, this will be easier as we can move resources around. And I can assure you that all members of the Board agree that when we mean equity, we do NOT mean lowering standards. The best thing for all our students is higher expectations.

The budget you will vote on this year (vote the day after Town Meeting: Tuesday, March 5th from 8am - 7pm at Town Hall as usual) is a hair over 2% larger than last year's budget. Considering there were a number of positions we needed with the larger district, and the increase in health costs this year, this budget reflects the Board's goal of putting forward to you a plan that maximizes as many opportunities as we can for all our students, while being responsible to all taxpayers. At the same time, you will be voting for some new Board members. Remember, just because they are from a town different from ours, we all vote for them as they represent the interest of all our students, not just those from their town.

It has been an honor to represent you as your School Director for all these years. If you ever have any questions about how we educate our students, or pay for that education, please feel free to contact me at [jeffclearylandgrove@gmail.com](mailto:jeffclearylandgrove@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Cleary  
Landgrove School Director

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## **Taconic and Green Regional School District Town Report Notice**

### **ANNUAL REPORT NOTICE**

The Taconic and Green Regional School District has produced an Annual Report that will be available to the public on Friday, February 15, 2019.

A Notice to Voters postcard was sent to the households of registered voters of Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland and Weston with annual meeting and report information at the end of January.

The report will include the following:

- Annual Meeting Warning
- School Board Report
- FY18 Year End Summaries for all Town School Districts
- FY20 Budget for the Taconic and Green Regional School District
- FY20 BRSU General Budget
- FY20 BRSU Special Education Budget
- BRSU Treasurer's Report
- Tax rate historical information for all towns
- Enrollment Report
- Audit Report
- Superintendent Report
- Principal Reports (Currier, Dorset, Flood Brook, Manchester, Sunderland)
- Board Member information
- Board Goals and Norms
- Minutes from the Taconic and Green District Meeting in February 27, 2018

The Taconic and Green Annual Report will be available at the following:

- Online at <https://goo.gl/6TTm4J>
- Request via [info@brsu.org](mailto:info@brsu.org) or 362-2452
- Local Town Office
- Manchester Library
- Pick one up at one of the following Taconic and Green schools – Currier, Dorset, Flood Brook, Manchester, Sunderland
- Pick one up at the BRSU Office – 6378 VT Route 7A, Sunderland, VT
- Shaw's in Manchester

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**Taconic and Green Regional School District Annual Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7pm**  
**Manchester Elementary Middle School**

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## Burr and Burton Academy Sending Town Letter



Dear Sending Town Voters:

We are pleased to submit to you our 2019-2020 sending town tuition of \$17,490, which constitutes a 2.49% increase from the current year. This compares with our tuition for non-sending towns of \$19,490.

We arrived at this sending town tuition number based on our strong desire to continue to be a source of strength to our sending communities. Our primary cost drivers, teacher salaries and benefits, will increase at 2.8% and over 11%, respectively, but we are confident we can cover this gap through additional fundraising and prudent cost management.

BBA's tuition has increased 2.3% annually since the 2015-2016 school year, and over the last decade, the average increase is 2.74%. These figures represent not only our immediate sensitivity to the cost pressures faced statewide, but our long-term commitment to maintaining affordability.

During the past decade, thanks to our capital fundraising efforts, we have invested millions of dollars in facilities. We have created special programming at the Mountain Campus and the Dene Farm at Hildene, invested in sound and projection systems in our Riley Center for the Arts, purchased Steinway pianos, and more. We became an iPad school and have put iPads in the hands of every single student, expanded athletic offerings, constructed a state of the art turf field, renovated our fitness center, and now we embark on a \$20 million building program to expand our capacity, enhance academic offerings, and provide more space together as a community.

In addition, most recently we raised \$100,000 at our fundraising gala in May to directly support public elementary schools by creating an education innovation fund.

We raise close to \$1 million annually to support operations, and we augment annual fundraising with an endowment draw of approximately \$800,000. Additionally, we bring in students from around the globe to enhance cultural diversity and understanding while providing \$3 million in additional revenues.

BBA provides outstanding educational opportunities to young people in our communities. We strive to be a source of strength to our communities, and the support we receive from these communities is one of the greatest sources of strength for our school.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark H. Tashjian".

Mark H. Tashjian  
Headmaster

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Seth B. Bongartz".

Seth Bongartz  
Chair of the Board

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## **Treasurer's Report**

It was another great year in terms of low numbers of missed deadlines for taxpayers! No one missed the homestead declaration (HS-122) filing deadline with the State of Vermont. The deadline for filing is always April 15th and can be easily missed if you or your accountant apply for an extension on your federal income taxes.

During my tenure as treasurer, I am always looking for ways to make the taxpayer experience better. Perhaps it is a flawed concept that paying property taxes can be improved? Either way, I keep trying. 2018 saw the ability for taxpayers to pay their taxes with a credit card or a bank transfer. Twelve people opted to pay their taxes in whole or in part with either a credit card or an e-check. I considered this level of usage a success, however, I have not enjoyed the relationship with the vendor we chose. I believe I can find a better option that will cost the town less per month, have a better user interface for the taxpayer and ultimately, cause the everyone less aggravation.

In March, someone broke into the town hall and wreaked havoc by breaking two windows and leaving bloody fingerprints throughout the office and the Historical Society. It appears that nothing was taken, except possibly our three-hole punch. Seems unlikely that the thief wanted our three-hole punch, but either way, it went missing after the break-in! Our break-in came a week after someone was named in the paper as having broken into many other town halls, schools, churches and businesses in our community. To be clear, we now make a daily deposit of cash in an effort to minimize the cash on the premises.

We also have installed a series of motion detector cameras, both inside and out, to help in identifying and/or deterring future burglars.

I was elected Treasurer in 2010. It is almost time for me to pass the baton to someone else. If you are at all interested in learning about what I do and how I do it, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Please feel free to contact me at [treasureroftlandgrove@gmail.com](mailto:treasureroftlandgrove@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Ogden  
Treasurer

***“Progress is man's ability to complicate simplicity.” – Thor Heyerdahl***

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## **Trustees of Public Funds**

The Trustees of Public Funds manage two funds for the people of Landgrove. The first fund is the Cemetery Endowment. This fund was established as an endowment to ensure that the cemeteries of Landgrove would be maintained in perpetuity. The principal of the fund is not to be touched, and each year the Trustees of Public funds will determine what percentage of the interest on the account can be disseminated to the Cemetery checking account. In 2018, the fund grew considerable due to brisk plot sales. The fees for plot sales each include a \$200 contribution to the endowment fund. Also, the interest earned on the principal was over \$900. While we are pleased that this number is growing, trustees agreed to leave the interest in the fund again this year.

The second account in the care of the Trustees of Public Funds is the Conservation Fund. The goal of determining the future of this fund has been tabled.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Ogden

Sally Waite

Dick Adams

## **PUBLIC FUNDS**

<b>Cemetery Endowment Fund</b>			
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance 1/1/18			53,576.89
Town Appropriation (as voted)	1,000.00		
Plot Sales	1,600.00		
Interest	921.63		
Unrealized Gain/Loss		2,084.84	
Balance 12/31/18			55,013.68

<b>Conservation Fund</b>			
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance 1/1/18			23,377.02
Interest	440.38		
Unrealized Gain/Loss		1,037.69	
Balance 12/31/18			22,779.71

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## **Zoning & Planning**

The 2018 year saw our Planning and Zoning Commission welcome and appreciate very much two new members: Mary Licata and Josh Wengerd.

This is the second year working with our capable our zoning administrator, Hal Wilkins. We would like to thank him for his professionalism, knowledge, and understanding of our approach to tasks at hand. It seems people do appreciate the change we made last year whereby the zoning administrator is at the town hall on Thursdays when the rest of the town offices are open.

This year we, as a commission and as a town, continue to benefit from two extensive time- consuming projects undertaken two years ago. The comprehensive review and revision, as necessary, of our zoning bylaws along with the review/revision/update/ and enhancement of our town plan were projects that were important and well received. The town plan, which was mailed out to all taxpayers, is good for seven years from the date adopted. We should also point out that the zoning permit application flow chart has also been most helpful to all involved in the process.

This year there were six permit applications including four that were “conditional use” construction projects and required public hearings. We also dealt with a boundary line adjustment as well as another construction permit that required no public hearing.

Moreover, the planning and zoning commission has been discussing and doing very preliminary review of the state’s initiatives relative to renewable energy issues (wind and solar). Throughout the state there have been interesting and diverse approaches to studying the state’s position and directives in these areas. We are purposely going slowly and reviewing best approaches for Landgrove. Our zoning administrator and commission members will begin to review materials, policies, and procedures more intensely over the next 18 months.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Hassett, Mary Licata, Harry Lux, Michael Mole, Michael Morfit,  
Chuck Sweetman, Josh Wengerd

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## **How to Contact the ZA?**

Hal Wilkins • [landgroveZA@gmail.com](mailto:landgroveZA@gmail.com)  
Office Hours at Town Hall: Thursdays 9:00am - 12:30pm

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ZONING PERMIT SUMMARY - 2018							
APPLICANT	APP #	LOCATION	DATE	APPLICATION TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	PERMIT #
Robert and Sarah Waite	18-01	15 Landgrove Road	26-Feb	Conditional Use	Addition to Residence	Approved by ZBA	18-02-25
				(Utley Flats)		w/ Conditions	
Tim and Anne McClaran	18-02	24 Jaquith Road	3-Aug	Boundary Line	Recording of 1972 Subdiv-	Issued by Z/A	18-08-02.1
				Adjustment	ision; New B/L Adjustment		
John and Kim Eckhardt	18-03	36 Hesseltine Road	17-Aug	Zoning	Construction of Garage/Barn	Issued by Z/A	18-08-16
Harry Lux, Elizabeth Dee	18-04	66 Nichols Road	2-Aug	Conditional Use	Construction of Sheds, Deck	Approved by ZBA	18-08-1
				(Utley Flats)		w/ Conditions	
Edward and Jerrye Martin	18-05	13 Hapgood Pond Road	3-Aug	Conditional Use	Boundary Line Adjustment	Approved by ZBA	18-08-02.2
				(Utley Flats)	(for Conditional Use)		
Craig and Nancy Hafer	18-06	16 Nichols Road	14-Nov	Conditional Use	Residential Construction	Approved by ZBA	18-11-13
				(Utley Flats)	(New Entry, Deck)	w/ Conditions	



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## **Londonderry Solid Waste Group Report**

Serving the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, Windham

This past year has seen some changes for the Londonderry Solid Waste Group (LSWG). Cash has not been accepted at the Transfer Station since October of 2017. The new Punch Card Payment System is working well with punch cards available at all five town offices as well as Londonderry Hardware and Weston Marketplace.

Annual Transfer Station Stickers that allow access to the Transfer Station, whether you are recycling or disposing of trash, are now available at all five town offices.


LSWG conducted two Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events and one Electronics Collection Event in 2018. The 2019 HHW collections will be the first Saturday in June and the first Saturday in October. The group has an agreement with Rutland's year-round hazardous waste facility and members can bring their hazardous waste to that facility year-round. There is a fee for disposal. Please do not bring your electronics to the transfer station. You can dispose of them at any of the sites listed at [www.vtrecycles.org](http://www.vtrecycles.org) or call 1-855-63-CYCLE.

LSWG's Recycling Coordinator and TAM Solid Waste Inc. teamed up to conduct a trash sort at the Londonderry Transfer Station in September. The previous sort was done in 2013. While it isn't an exact science, the sort results were indicative of how much we have improved since then. There was more trash in the trash and less recyclables. The biggest loser was mixed paper that could have easily been recycled.


Textiles are once again accepted at the Transfer Station. Please bring them in bags and deposit them in the yellow bins.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs offer FREE disposal of architectural paint, batteries, electronics, mercury thermostats and mercury containing bulbs. To find out more about these programs and where you can dispose of these materials go to [www.vtrecycles.com](http://www.vtrecycles.com) or call 1-855-63-CYCLE.


The LSWG reached out to schools and businesses in 2018 providing guidance on recycling, disposal of hazardous materials and diverting food scraps and organics from the landfill. If your school or business is interested in learning about ways to handle solid waste, organics, recyclables and other materials please contact [recycle@londonderryvt.org](mailto:recycle@londonderryvt.org).




# WASTE NOT GUIDE




## WHAT TO DO WITH ITEMS THAT ARE BANNED FROM THE TRASH




### RECYCLE ANYWHERE\*: Drop-off or with your hauler




Plastic #1 and #2




Glass jars, bottles




Cans and foil




Cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper




Leaf and yard debris, grass clippings, branches, etc.




Food scraps, coffee grounds, egg shells, etc.  
(Ban for residents begins July 1, 2020)




### BANNED & SPECIAL RECYCLING: Find collection locations at [vtrcycles.com](http://vtrcycles.com)




Mercury-containing bulbs, thermostats, switches, thermometers, etc.




Paints, stain, thinner and varnish




Computers and accessories, phones, TVs, MP3 players, VCRs/DVDs, etc.




Lead-acid, rechargable, and other batteries




### OTHER BANNED OR DANGEROUS ITEMS: For more information, contact [londonderry@vermont.net](mailto:londonderry@vermont.net)




Large appliances & scrap metal




Used oil, from auto fluids




Tires




Clean wood



Asphalt shingles, plywood, OSB, and drywall from large projects within 20 miles of a C&D facility



Explosives, fireworks, gasoline, pesticides, pool chemicals, propane cylinders



\*For more information, contact [londonderry@vermont.net](mailto:londonderry@vermont.net)

Vermont Waste Management & Prevention Division  
(802) 828-4138 | [vtrcycles.com](http://vtrcycles.com)

\* A complete A-Z list of all materials that you can recycle at the transfer station and where to dispose of just about everything can be found at <http://londonderryvt.org/LondonderryRecycle/RecycleMain.html>.

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*Some faces we miss seeing around town.*



*Louise Martin 1947 - 2018*



*Chris Hyde 1923 - 2018*



*Clare Munat 1939 - 2018*



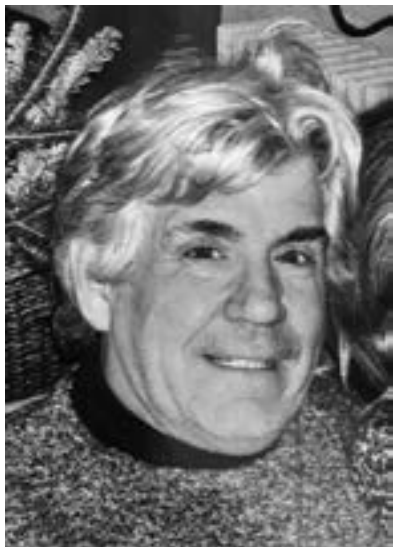
*Owene Weber 1934 - 2018*



*Gordy Thorne 1941 - 2018*

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*Tommy Dibble 1955 - 2018*



*Sam Ogden 1925 - 2018*



*Warren Fuller 1932 - 2017*

## **Useful Information**

### **Landgrove Town Offices**

Phone/fax: (802) 824-3716  
Email: [townoflandgrove@gmail.com](mailto:townoflandgrove@gmail.com)  
Mailing address: 88 Landgrove Road • Landgrove, VT 05148  
Hours: Thursdays, 9am - 1pm, or by appointment  
Website: [landgrove.vermont.gov](http://landgrove.vermont.gov)  
  
Town Clerk: Chrystal Cleary  
(802) 824-5394 (home)  
  
Town Treasurer: Andrea Ogden  
(802) 824-6318 (home)  
  
Road Commissioner: Steve Hall  
(802) 824-6622 (home)  
  
Fire Warden: Karl T. Pfister  
(802) 824-4663 (office)  
  
Assistant Fire Warden: Jeremiah Evarts  
(802) 683-0518 (for burn permits)  
  
Select Board Chair: John Ogden  
(802) 366-0317 (cell)

### **Community Resources**

L'derry Landfill & Recycle: <http://www.londonderryvt.org/recycletransfer/>  
Phone: (802) 824-5506  
Open: Closed Wednesdays, call for specific hours.  
  
Londonderry Post Office: (802) 824-6571  
Window hours: Mon - Fri, 8:30 - 12 & 2 - 4:30pm  
Sat 8:30 - 11:30am  
  
Flood Brook School: (802) 824-6811  
  
Burr & Burton Academy: (802) 362-1775  
  
Green Mtn Power: (800) 451-2877 (report outages)  
  
Mtn Valley Medical Clinic: (802) 824-6901  
Hours: Mon - Fri, 8:00 - 5:00pm  
On-call phone: 24 hours  
  
VT State Police: (802) 722-4600 (non-emergency)  
  
Senators: Brian Campion, [bcampion@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:bcampion@leg.state.vt.us)  
Dick Sears, [rs Sears@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:rs Sears@leg.state.vt.us)  
  
House of Representatives: Linda Joy Sullivan, [lsullivan@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:lsullivan@leg.state.vt.us)

***EMERGENCY NUMBER: 911***

Town of Landgrove  
88 Landgrove Road  
Landgrove, VT 05148

## **TOWN MEETING**

**Monday, March 4, 2019 • 6:00pm**

**Potluck Supper to follow.**

**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU  
TO TOWN MEETING.**